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1. AALC OFFICIALS PETER LOEBARTH, JOHN REDDY AND DAVID KLUGMAN PLAN TO ATTEND THE STAFF CONFERENCE IN DAKAR MARCH 23-29 FROM LOME.

2. THE AALC HAS TWO OFFICES IN LOME: THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTER (RERDC) AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THE RERDC HEADED BY MR REDDY PUBLISHES A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH OF TRANDE UNION EVENTS IN AFRICA, AND A MONTHLY BULLETIN ENTITLED "LABOR AND DEVELOPMENT" AS A VEHICLE FOR LONGER ARTICLES, SPEECHES AND STUDIES. IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, RERDC PRODUCES SIX STUDIES A YEAR ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE UNION MOVEMENT. THE MOST RECENT ONE DEALS WITH UNIONS AND THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT. RERDC ESTIMATES ITS READERSHIP AT AROUND 800 SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN FRENCH AND ENGLISH VERSIONS.

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3. THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA IS HEADED BY MR LOEBARTH. THIS YEAR AALC WILL SPONSOR TEN STUDY SEMINARS IN TOGO AT A TOTAL COST OF \$13,500. THIS FEBRUARY MR ATTIVIOR OF THE BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION BECAUSE THE FIRST TOGOLESE EVER TO ATTEND THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY LABOR PROGRAM. AALC IS PAYING HIS EXPENSES. AALC HAS PROVIDED FUNDS FOR A UNION REPRESENTATIVE TO GO TO

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA TO STUDY LOW COST HOUSING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE WORKERS' LIVING CONDITIONS. THE AALC IS ALSO ASSISTING THE CNTT TO IMPROVE ITS CO-OP STORES AND IS BUYING A SATION WAGON FOR THE CNTT TO SUPPORT ITS ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERIOR.

4. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AALC PROGRAMS ARE WELL RECEIVED BY THE TOGOLESE UNIONS AND GOVERNMENT AND IN GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AALC AND THE CNTT AND GOT ARE EXCELLENT. THE EMBASSY, AID AND THE AALC IN LOME HAVE ESTABLISHED A WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BENEFITTED BOTH SIDES. THERE ARE NO MATTERS WHICH THE EMBASSY WISHES TO HAVE BROUGHT UP AT DAKAR. PALMER

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